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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2011 3:15 PM  
**To:** 'Rev.J.M.Flemming'  
**Subject:** RE: STOP the ENERGY RATE HIKE INCREASE REQUEST by DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS

[flem118@bellsouth.net](mailto:flem118@bellsouth.net)

Dear Rev. Fleming,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission. I am forwarding your email to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2011-271-E and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling  
Administrative Assistant

**From:** Rev. J.M. Flemming [<mailto:flem118=bellsouth.net@change.org>] **On Behalf Of** Rev. J.M. Flemming  
**Sent:** Friday, September 09, 2011 9:06 AM  
**To:** Contact  
**Subject:** STOP the ENERGY RATE HIKE INCREASE REQUEST by DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS

I just signed the following petition addressed to: Members of the SC PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION. ----- STOP the ENERGY RATE HIKE INCREASE REQUEST by DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS LLC Today, I signed this petition that urges you (SC PSC) to oppose allowing DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS LLC to raise my (Residential, Commercial or Industrial) energy bills to pay for Duke Energy who is asking to begin recouping \$6.5 billion it says it has spent to modernize its system in the Carolinas and comply with environmental regulations. Simply put, "This is their (Duke Energy's) cost of doing business here in South Carolina". As I feel they are no different than any other business in South Carolina. We thoroughly recognize that one must spend money to make money. By your approval of raising ENERGY BILLS on FAMILIES, SENIORS, and BUSINESSES (Including the Commerical & Industrial sectors) will only SLOW ECONOMIC GROWTH and hurt SOUTH CAROLINA'S economic recovery. ----- Sincerely, Very Concerned South Carolinian

A 17% increase is too much for those seniors on fixed income and other people who make minimum wage. No one should have to choose between paying utility bills and rent or paying utility bills and eating.

Greenville, South Carolina